No 1

LIBRARY
NEW YORK
BOTANICAL
GARDEN.

Albany Oct 31st
1837

My dear Sir/

I am arrived thus far on my return to New York after visiting both the Canadas, and shall read my account on the Steam Packet this evening, meaning to proceed myself to the same quarter of the on which starts tomorrow morning

I have directed him to call when he has received your letter addressed to me, and my letters addressed to me, and delivering to ~~him~~ both the letter of which you took charge from Wolfpump

My plan is to proceed at once from New York to New England, wishing to see Boston & Newhaven before the north sets in — I should be glad however to see one of the scientific men attached to your Darling expedition on at New York

Given by A. M. VAIL. from the J. D. Brooks Collection
MAR 4 - 1937

before they sail. You probably will know when that is likely to take place, & if you should return on that day I should hope stay a fortnight or ten at her Lodge before I start for New England, on the hope of falling in with them. I should feel obliged by any information you can give me on this subject or if not prevented I shall communicate with you. I should proceed to Newhaven on Thursday morning

I shall hope to find you at her Lodge with my return and remain

dear Sir

very truly Yours

Charles Darwin

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Post Grad. College
March 16th 1858

My dear Sir — I was glad to see your signature, as reminding me of old times, and of pleasant days spent in your company some twenty years ago —

In an answer to your inquiry respecting the superphosphate of alumina, I can best refer to Mr Overland, Manufacturing Chemist, Sugar works, Pittsburgh, the firm which he represents as Patentees of the invention, and keep the mode of preparing

the superphosphate, I believe,
a secret. All I know of the
method is derived from
a visit I had the time
last year to the Factory,
and I am thus enabled
to give a short account of
it at the request of the
British Association held
at Dublin, having ascer-
tained, that the superphosphate
as prepared by the Patentee
answers very well on a
small scale for turning down
the fecalent matter from
French without the aid of
blood, simply by the addition
of a little animal charcoal.
A member of the firm, who supplies
the capital, is an old friend from

and a highly respectable
Physician resident at Plymouth.
A copy of your Government
Explorations in the direction
of the "Pacific" would be a
most valuable acquisition to
me, and if your Government
is so liberal as to send
the book as a present to
Individuals in families, the
Botanic Garden at Calcutta
might perhaps put in a
claim, although I might
not presume to press it for
myself. —
We have a very good Botanical
Library to which I have allowed
access to Members of the Missionary
Stations, so far as I conveniently can.

and it has been augmented
lately by the same Lady, who
consigned to us her Husband's
extensive Herbarium, well-known
in England at least, as the
Fielding Collection — so
we then well supplied with
plants from those parts of
America which had been
explored at the time the
Collection was made, but
stand in grateful of some
fresh any from parts more
recently examined. —
Before I had the pleasure
of seeing you in Kew, I
recollect speaking to you as in
a double sense my fellow-pupil,
holding the two Chairs of Chemistry
and Botany. I know not whether
the same applies to you at the present
moment, but I have written the last